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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1641**

**PATENT**  
**1614-0254P**

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ib MENDEL-HARTVIG Conf.: 4436  
Appl. No.: 09/972,882 Group: 1641  
Filed: October 10, 2001 Examiner: G. COUNTS  
For: ASSAY METHOD AND KIT THEREFOR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

April 28, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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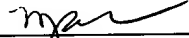
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- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued January 27, 2003 the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11, 20, 23 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 4, 6-7, 12, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, and 33-38 with the following amended claims.